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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

In an address recently delivered before the National Prison Conference at New Haven, Mr. Frank Brinkerhoff, appeared some very significant utterances in regard to the necessity of moral and religious training in our public schools. He regards this as the most important element in the education of the rising generation to the highest and most perfect citizenship, and the most essential of all measures for the prevention of crime. He says:

"First and foremost, what is most essential to do is to revolutionize our educational system from top to bottom, so that good morals, good conduct, and ability to earn a honest living shall be the primary purpose instead of materialistic culture alone."

And further: "I want to point it out, with all the emphasis I can command, that we must make any large progress in the reformation of our country, either in the state or in the betterment of mankind, we must estimate more fully than heretofore the religious element which is inherent in the universal heart."

These words are the most vital import, and their truthfulness cannot be gainsaid. They will meet no opposition in the chord of all high-spirited Americans."

The time is not too much teaching of science nowadays, but too little training in the habits of morals. Much time and attention is given to the development of the intellect but not enough to the instillation of the eternal principles of right and justice. In

telligence does not always breed honesty nor education right living. Intellectual culture of itself does not vouchsafe the perfection of "God's noblest work, an honest man."

What the conservators of our public school system should bear in mind is the fact that moral and religious training is as important to the life and future of the student than intellectual attainment, and that the two must be carried on together to insure a realization of the highest and most perfect citizenship.

At no time in our country's history was religious training and practice more needed than at the present. There can be no disputing the fact that the further we get from the divine teachings of the Bible and the eternal verities of God's commands, the more chaotic, imperfected and dishonest become our public institutions and our mode of living.

The Christian religion as taught in the Bible embodies the very essence of right living and good citizenship, and the humble and faithful follower therein cannot be misled into anything except the grandest truths and the most sublime inspirations. One great trouble with the world-to-day is a wandering away from the exalted and imperishable precepts propagated by Christ, the Leader of men. Men have grown selfish and indifferent to the obligations of honest citizens, and practice too much the trickery and chicanery of the world, rather than the righteous principles of justice and truth.

This is due to the too little training, and too little following along religious lines. One need never be afraid nor mistrustful of the treatment he will receive from a man who is constantly endeavoring to the best of his ability to lead a true Christian life. If he is mistreated or ill used, it will be by mistake and not by impulse. True religion is not a superstition, but a tangible something that goes into the very vital element of a man's life and makes him better and truer and more honest toward himself, his neighbor and God.

We are getting too worldly, too selfish and too aesthetic. We need to return to the practices of olden days, from which the ages seem dividing us, when God's word was law and His precepts a code of government.

The latest paper to come to our desk is the *Hartford Record*. It turned up a few days ago dated December 24, 1887.

The double-number issue of the Todd County Times, in point of typographical get-up, was the best piece of work that has lately come to our notice.

The Madisonville *Herald* came out last week in a holiday double number and in a new dress, and in this it exemplifies its name and impresses its appearance.

The *Herald* is in favor of a reduction of the Governor's salary from \$6,500 annually to \$5,000, and this in face of the fact that we are quite sure that our next Governor will be a Democrat, to be succeeded by Democrats.

One redeeming feature of the Dingy bill is the clause prohibiting the importation of lottery tickets, which will have the effect of eternally squelching the Louisiana

Lottery, which has been doing business in Honduras.

The Todd County *Progress* has the following concerning an article which appeared in THE HERALD:

"THE HARTFORD HERALD's address to its subscribers, occupies a half-column, is one of the most interesting features of the paper, and if it doesn't prove a money-maker it ought to."

Dr. C. H. HUGHES, the great St. Louis scientist, says flirting is a disease, like St. Vitus' dance. He holds that the flirt is unbalanced, and that no person indulges in this occupation who is mentally and physically sound.

The fact that a man may live to almost reach the meridian of his existence before he learns some of the great truths of life, cannot be too strongly impressed upon the minds of the "rising generation," many of whom think that they "know it all" before they are scarcely old enough to be married.

The Kentucky Press Association will hold its annual meeting next year some time in June, at some central point in Kentucky, perhaps in Louisville. After the transaction of business, the editors will take their regular vacation, the objective being, Mackinac, Michigan, including a steamer ride on the great lake to Toledo. The trip will be a most delightful one.

ANOTHER crying need that will come up before Congress is legislation on our pension laws. A contemporary aptly remarks: "The public prints are full of talk about the fact that thousands of disabled pensioners are still being carried on the rolls." The pension system is all right and proper when carried on in a legal and honest way, but the fraudulent practices that are now permitted are a disgrace to our country and an injury to really deserving soldiers. A great saving could be accomplished along this line.

Mrs. HARRY SOMERS, editor of the Elizabethtown *News*, says that some time ago young Henry Summers, a neophyte, lost his leg in a railroad accident, and the public prints got him mixed up with the Nevers man. Since that time the editor has been deluged with all kinds of letters and catalogues, wanting to supply him with artificial limbs. Mr. Somers says this thing is getting monotonous; that he does not mind the good-will letters, but that the persons who are annoying him will if they don't stop their pestilential propositions before he is compelled to grab the office cleaner and start out on the war-path.

NOT BETTER education of the wide popularities of the HERALD, than that which has been furnished us lately. With the past week or two we have received several orders for the paper from distant points in Kentucky, and some of these subscriptions come from other States. As to how these persons ever came to hear of the HERALD we do not know, but that they have heard of it and appreciate it, is a fact which we are proud to note.

The HERALD is now going to over 300 different post-offices in the United States. It is our endeavor to furnish a paper of general interest to the people, and we believe we are succeeding.

It seems that many farmers are slow to heed the lesson that appears unheeded in the crop reports of the papers. It often appears from a heedless reading of the market reports that the best price and the surest sale come to those articles which have received the most care and attention in raising and preparing for market. The most notable result of this is tobacco.

The crops of men who have earned a reputation for careful preparation and handling and which give evidence of superiority in all salient points, are eagerly sought for and command a better price and a surer sale than the mongrel offerings. There can be no doubt that in farming, as in most other matters, it pays to do a thing right.

A MOST sickening and pitiful sight, not without its disgusting features, was witnessed at Madison Square Garden, New York, Saturday night, at the finishing up of the great six-days' bicycle race. Men worn to the limit of endurance were wobbling around the track, almost crazy from the fearful strain of the long ride, and exerting their utmost energies and risking their safety for the attainment of fame.

Certainly you don't want to suffer with dyspepsia, constipation, acid headache, etc., etc. You have never tried DeWitt's Little Early Risers for these complaints or for the cure of rheumatism, small pills but great regulators.

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Murdered Her Betrayer.

WAVERLY, IOWA, Dec. 9.—Delphie Farber confessed her share in the killing of her husband, Koenig. The man had died in a lonely wood on the 23d of last August, and the young woman now confesses that she fired the bullet that killed him. She was indicted yesterday, and it is said she will be arraigned sometime next week, Koenig having died of the effects of his injuries.

A few nights ago he went with his family to church, but had not been away from home another time. He reported home to day when he went to dig up a root he had been hunting for, and was shot dead.

He was found lying on the ground, his body wrapped in an old sack and covered with leaves.

Certain persons are of the opinion that he was not shot, but that he had been beaten to death.

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With Its Throat Cut.

ETON, KY., Dec. 10.—Yesterdays some men found in the corner of a horse lot on the farm of Barton Smith, who resides about four miles from Eton, a dead horse, with its throat cut.

The horse was wrapped in a small sack and buried in a hole.

It was found hanging from a tree.

Its head was severed from its body.

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